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SUBJ: PAPAVER BRACTEATUM, WEIZMANN CONTRACT

TEHRAN PASS DR. QUENTIN JONES, USDA

DEPT PLS PASS COWAN, SAO

1. COWAN, WHITE HOUSE SPECIAL ACTION OFFICE FOR DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION (SAO) MET SUNDAY WITH DR. DAVID LAVIE OF WEIZMAN INSTITUTE TO DISCUSS SUBJECT SAO RESEARCH CONTACT. FOLLOWING INFO FOR JONES USE IN DISCUSSIONS WITH DR. LALAZARI, UNIVERSITY OF TEHRAN, AS JONES DESIRES.

2. LAVIE HAD NOT RPT NOT YET CONTACTED LALAZARI CONCERNING NEW AGREEMENT TO OBTAIN PAPAVER BRACTEATUM CONTAINING HIGH PERCENTAGE THEAINE. LAVIE PROMISED TO SEND CABLE AT ONCE TO LALAZARI REFERRING TO AGREEMENT IN GENERAL TERMS. LAVIE CLAIMS AGREEMENT MADE IN WASHINGTON IN PRESENCE OF JONES WAS FOR LALAZARI TO SELL 3 1/2 TONS AYREA II P. BRAC CAPSULES CONTAINING E.O TO 3.5 PERCENT THEBAINE FOR US 7,000 DOLLARS PER TON (TOTAL US 24,500 DOLLARS). LAVIE UNDERSTOOD THIS SUPPLY WAS PERSONAL
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PROPERTY LALAZARI, NOT OWNED BY IRANIAN CONSORTIUM

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3. LAVIE STATED LALAZARI CLAIMS UNNAMED GERMAN GROUP AND FRENCH PHARMACEUTICAL FIRM FRANCO PAVET BOTH HAD MADE BIDS ON LALAZARI'S P. BRAC. LAVIE CONCERNED LALAZARI WILL BE UNABLE OR UNWILLING TO SUPPLY P. BRAC. CAPSUALS, AS PROMISED FOR AGREED PRICE.

4. LAVIE HAS MADE ARRANGEMENTS FOR PLANTEX COMPANY TO PROCESS P. BRAC. HOPES TO SETTLE ON PAYMENT OF 2,00 DOLLARS PER TON FOR PROCESSING, WHICH LAVIE SAID QUENTIN JONES CONSIDERED FAIR. LAVIE NEGOTIATING WITH EL AL FOR TRANSPORT. ESTIMATES COST OF 1,800 DOLLARS.

5. LAVIE ESTABLISHED TIME SCHEDULE AS FOLLOWS: OBTAIN P. BRAC. IN ISRAEL BY END OF DECEMBER OR EARLY JAN. START SCALING UP PROCESS AT PLANTEX FEB AND MR. PROCESS LARGE COMMERCIAL AMOUNTS APRIL OR MAY TO OBTAIN THEBAINE. TWO WEEKS TO CONCLUDE. SHIPMENT OF THEBAINE TO US JUNE 1975 LATEST.

6. COWAN REQUESTS JONES, IF APPROPRIATE, APPROACH LALAZARI CONCERNING AGREEMENT WITH LAVIE. DOES AGREEMENT STILL HOLD? ARE ABOVE QUOTED FIGURES CORRECT? (FYI PAYMENT TO BE IN US CURRENCY). CAN LALAZARI PROVIDE MATEIALS? WILL IRANIAN CONSORTIUM TARAS OR GOI OBJECT TO LALAZARI SALE AND EXPORT? CAN BE OBTAIN NCESSARY PERMITS? CAN HE SHIP IN DECEMBER IF SALE CONCLUDED? F P. BRAC. WHICH LALAZARI PROPOSES TO SELL ACTUALLY HIGH-THEBAINE CONTENT MATERIAL? CAPSUALS ONLY OR ALSO STEMS?

7. AS JONES AWARE, LAST MATERIALS PROVIDED TO LAVIE VERY LOW THEBAINE POOR QUALITY STRAW. COWAN AND LAVIE AGREED THAT IF HIGH THEBAINE CAPSUALS NOT AVAILABLE FOR SHIPMENT TO ISRAEL IN REASONABLE TIME PERIOD AT OR NEAR PREVIOUSLY AGREED

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PRICES, CONTINUATION OF SAO RESEARCH CONTRACT NO VIABLE EFFORT AT THIS TIME. COWAN HOPES TO REVIVE RESEARCH, HOPES JONES CAN BE HELPFUL IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH LALAZARI. IF GOI INTERFERENCE POSSIBLE OR LIKELY, PLEASE WIRE COWAN ASAP. COWAN RETURNS TO WASHINGTON NOV 26.

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